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MINUTES

OF THE

20th ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Selma Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

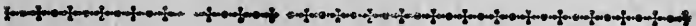
Shiloh Baptist Church, Dallas County,
Ala., August 13th-14th, 1902.

OFFICERS :

J. M. HAMNER, Moderator,..... Selma
LEWIS JOHNSON, Clerk, Orrville
J. W. BAILEY, Assistant Clerk,..... Pleasant Hill
M. H. TRAYLOR, Treasurer,..... Benton

Meets Wednesday after the Second Sunday in August, 1903,
with Center Ridge Baptist Church, at Carlowville, Dallas Coun-
ty, Alabama.

Kincey's Power Print, Selma.





Proceedings.

Shiloh Church, August 13th, 1902.

The Selma Baptist Association met in its 20th session at 10 a. m. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Brother H. S. D. Mallory. After singing and prayer by Brother J. M. Stewart, letters from the churches were called for and responded as follows:

- Ash Creek not represented.
- Benton not represented.
- Bethany—A. Edwards.
- Center Ridge—Gus Burton, J. P. Skinner.
- Hopewell not represented.
- Immanuel—E. J. Weisinger, W. T. Weisinger.
- Macedonia not represented.
- Mt. Gilead—M. H. Traylor.
- New Bethel—Letter, no messenger.
- Orrville not represented.
- Pleasant Hill—J. M. Bailey, J. R. Crumpton, J. P. Maxwell, T. E. Williams.
- Providence—Lewis Johnson, C. E. Moseley, J. R. Moss, Frank Averyt.
- Ruhama not represented.
- Selma, First Church—Rev. J. L. Gross, W. P. Welch, H. S. D. Mallory, J. J. Babcock.
- Selma, Second Church—J. M. Hamner.
- Shiloh—H. H. Miley, D. B. Edwards, J. M. Day, R. D. Stone.
- Sister Springs—J. P. Melton, A. J. Day, Charles Smoke, W. D. S. Morgan.
- Town Creek—Miles Hardy, R. B. Hardy, Joe Walker, E. L. Stewart.

Brother Mallory asked to be relieved as Moderator. On motion of Brother D. B. Edwards, Brother Mallory was instructed and casted the vote of the Association for J. M. Hamner as Moderator, Lewis Johnson, Secretary, J. M. Bailey, Assistant Secretary and M. H. Traylor, Treasurer.

The Introductory Sermon was then preached by Brother R. G. Patrick from Matthew, 16th chapter and 15th verse. The following were received as visitors: Brother M. B. Crumpton, representing the State Board of Missions; Brother R. G. Patrick, of the Judson Institute; J. M. Stewart, of the Orphans' Home and J. M. Hamner, of the Southern and Alabama Baptist.

Adjourned until 2:30 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

After Devotional Exercises, which were conducted by Brother H. S. D. Mallory, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. The committees to report at this session were appointed as follows:

On Finance—Miles Hardy, J. P. Melton and W. D. S. Morgan.

On Nominations—D. B. Edwards, H. S. D. Mallory, W. P. Welch.

On State of Religion in Churches—J. W. Bailey, T. E. Williams and A. Edwards.

On Time and Place—W. P. Welch, M. H. Traylor and J. R. Crumpton.

On Apportionment—J. P. Maxwell, J. R. Moss and J. J. Babcock.

Report on Denominational Literature was read by the chairman, Lewis Johnson. Discussed by Brethren J. L. Gross, H. S. D. Mallory, W. B. Crumpton, J. R. Crumpton and J. M. Hamner and was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and Dr. R. G. Patrick was given an opportunity to make a brief report of the Judson Institute. After which a collection for the benefit of the said Institute was taken in cash and pledges amounting to \$200.

Report on Sabbath School Work was read by Brother W. P. Welch. Discussed by Brethren J. L. Gross and W. B. Crumpton. Report was adopted.

The report on Orphans Home was made by the Superintendent, Brother J. W. Stewart. After which a collection for the same was taken and turned over to Brother Stewart, amounting to \$17.36.

On motion adjourned to 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Thursday morning, August 14th.

The Association met according to appointment. Devotional exercises conducted by Brother W. T. Weisinger. Association called to order by the Moderator. Report on State Missions read by Brother W. L. Cahall.

Report on Home Missions read by Brother T. E. Williams.

Report on Foreign Missions read by Brother Frank Averyt.

The subject of Missions was discussed by Brethren W. L. Cahall, T. E. Williams, Frank Averyt and W. B. Crumpton.

The hour having arrived, the Missionary Sermon was preached by Brother J. L. Gross from Matthew 15th, 40 and 45th verses. A collection was taken for Missions amounting to \$12.75.

On motion adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p. m., Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother J. R. Crumpton. After which the Association was called to order by the Modesator. Report on Denominational Education was presented by Brother J. P. Maxwell. Discussed by Brethren W. B. Crumpton and J. L. Gross and adopted.

Report on Ministerial Education read by Brother T. E. Williams and adopted. The following standing committees were then announced to report next year:

State Missions—Frank Averyt, J. B. Ellis, J. R. Moss.

Home Missions—W. L. Cahall, H. C. Gates, A. D. Lawhon.

Foreign Missions—J. L. Gross, Lewis Johnson, J. J. Babcock.

Denominational Education—H. S. D. Mallory, A. Edwards, M. H. Traylor.

Ministerial Education—W. P. Welch, J. W. Bailey, J. P. Maxwell,

Temperance—B. F. Ellis, W. D. S. Morgan, D. B. Edwards.

Woman's Work—J. R. Crumpton, Miles Hardy, C. E. Moseley.

Sunday Schools—F. M. Stillwell, J. E. Dunaway, B. P. Moseley.

Orphans Home—Law Lamar, J. C. Gates, Joseph Swink.

Denominational Literature—J. P. Maxwell, W. T. Weisinger, J. A. Maulden.

The report on Temperance was read by Brother A. Edwards. Discussed by Brethren Crumpton, Gross, Averyt, Cahall Hamner and Moss. Amended and adopted.

Report on Woman's Work presented by Brother J. W. Bailey. Discussed by Brother W. B. Crumpton and adopted.

Finance report was read by Brother W. D. S. Morgan. The Secretary was instructed to make such additions to the report as he may get from churches not as yet represented. The Committee on Nominations offered the following resolutions:

1st. That the Executive Committee be hereafter known as the Executive and Co-operative Committee.

2nd. That in addition to the duties already performed by it, the said committee shall undertake to increase the associational attendance and enthusiasm, and to secure greater co-operation on the part of all the churches in spreading the Kingdom by increased interest in Scriptural giving.

3rd. That each church be requested to appoint a co-operative committee of its liveliest and most consecrated members to work with the Central Committee in the great work of taking the world for Christ.

The resolutions were adopted with the following report To preach the Introductory Sermon, Brother W. L. Cahall; to preach the Missionary Sermon, Brother Richard Hall.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—Brethren J. B. Ellis, M. H. Traylor, Lewis Johnson, E. L. Stewart, W. T. Weisinger, T. J. Williams, D. B. Edwards, J. P. Maxwell, J. C. Yates and J. P. Melton.

Delegates to Southern Baptist State Convention—J. W. Bailey; alternate, Lewis Johnson.

Executive and Co-operative Committee—H. S. D. Mallory, Law Lamar, B. F. Ellis, T. P. McCrary and T. J. Williams.

The report on State of Religion in the churches was read by Brother J. W. Bailey. Discussed by Brother W. B. Crumpton and adopted.

The Committee on Time and Place reported Wednesday after the second Sunday in August, 1903, as the time, and Center Ridge Church at Carlowville, Dallas County, Ala., as the place. Adopted.

The following resolution offered by Brother J. L. Gross, was passed by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby most cordially extended to the members of this church and community for their charming Christian hospitality during our session.

The Treasurer's report was read by Brother M. H. Traylor. Received and adopted.

The Executive and Co-operative Committee were instructed to prepare and have printed a program for our next meeting.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet on Wednesday after the second Sunday in August next at Carlowville, Dallas County, Alabama.

Appendix.

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

What our Denominational Literature is, is a matter of vital importance. It is an index to our standing in the religion which we claim and what we are to the world as a religious denomination. We have a great deal of literature in books and periodicals which are good and helpful. We can cheerfully recommend the literature for the Sabbath Schools issued by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The reading and studying of which will always tend to strengthen and elevate in the Christian and moral life. We can also recommend the other literature published by said Board and our own state paper, The Southern and Alabama Baptist, which should be in every Baptist home in the state.

Respectfully for Committee,

Lewis Johnson,

Chairman.

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee on General Denominational Education beg to report as follows: The Baptists for the State of Alabama have for quite a number of years been interested in the education of our young people, and as a result of their manifestation we have the two old established schools; the Howard for boys and young men at East Lake, and the Judson for young ladies at Marion. We also have the school property purchased by the State Board of Missions at Scottsboro, Ala., about a year ago, which gives us three schools for the education of our young people, and your Committee is elated over the prosperity of the schools of Alabama.

The Howard, which has been under the efficient management of President Roof, but will in future be under the management of President Montague, who has recently been elected to that place, he comes highly recommended for the work committed to his care, and we have Dr. Patrick, who is President of the Judson, who is exerting every effort to advance the interests of the Judson and Brother Queesenberry, President of the school at Scottsboro. With the three schools and the efficient manner by which they are governed, we can expect the boys and girls to have a classical education equal to the best that can be secured in the state, and at the same time develop in Christian character. We further recommend to the churches and associations a united co-operation with the schools. We can be helps to these schools by our prayers and gifts and may we so work that our labors may not be in vain, and that we will be answered by the next session being the most prosperous one in all the history of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Maxwell.

For Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would report that the Board during the past year has increased its work to a great extent, having appointed twenty-six new missionaries. Of these twenty have gone to the fields during the year and the others hope to leave as soon as possible. That more work has been done in foreign fields than ever before, that there has been a larger in converts from heathenism, as we had 1,439 baptisms reported more than ever before in our history. That the Board is clear of debt, of which Alabama contributed \$14,850.73; of this the Selma Association gave \$1,209.61 to Foreign, State and Home Missions; this was not all that was apportioned to us, but we plead for greater co-operation on our part that the Board may still enlarge its work, which it cannot do without increased giving.

We recommend that the Foreign Mission Journal be taken and read by all our members, that they may keep in touch with the work and know what is being done for the advancement of the Master's cause in foreign fields. This is the work which should appeal to us for our sympathy, prayers and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Averyt,

For Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Mission territory embraces our Southern States and Cuba. Much money has been and is being expended in this field in payment of missionary preachers, in building church houses, in distributing Bibles, tracts, etc. This is all right. Home Missions in this field is relative to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Your Committee would call the attention of the churches of this Association to liberal Home Missions, as the basis of all other Missions. Home Mission territory proper is immediately around our churches. "Charity begins at home." begin at Jerusalem to illustrate as well as to preach the Gospel.

Let all the members of our churches look in and around them for missionary work, and do it, not only through the agency of money, but by personal presence and by individual service; sympathizing with the suffering, "comforting the distressed around the beds of the sick and dying, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, helping the weak and lame, instructing the ignorant, etc. Thus without money and without price illustrating personally by individual service the religion of Christ, our head, the greatest of all missionaries, who went about doing good.

Thus by preaching Christianity at home and all around us; thus by practicing Christianity at home and all around us, we are developed into full grown Christians. Our heads, hearts, hands and money go out to the ends of the earth, and thus we most effectually preach the Gospel to every creature. Brethren let us never forget the true base of all missions: Our own homes and those around us. Let us never forget that personal service is more acceptable to God and more profitable to us all than the cold dumb dollar that we may send beyond our homes where our warm hearts and comforting, instructive tongues and tender helping hands cannot go.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. Williams,
Chairman Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions lies at the basis of all our missionary endeavor. As the fountain head so will the stream be. The success of our missionaries on the home or foreign field will be in direct ratio to the interest in the advancement of the Lord's cause manifested by the rank and file of our church members, and that interest is to be indicated by both contribution and prayer. To this end then should we work, evangelizing our local forces and laying the foundation for greater things for God. But our churches are not awake to the importance of the situation. We are systematically reducing our contributions to State Missions in order to increase along other lines. In other words we are simply diverting funds from one source to another, instead of increasing the sum total.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Cahall;
For the Committee.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

Your Committee on State of Religion in the Churches report

that during the past year there has been but a few additions to six of the ten churches represented. But a few report prayer meetings, others report no Sunday Schools, five or six of the ten churches represented, but a few report prayer meetings, others report no Sunday Schools, five or six of the churches have sent no delegates. From these data we come to the conclusion that the State of Religion is far, very far from what it should be. Therefore we urge the pastors and deacons and the entire membership to a fuller consecration and to greater interest and to increased efforts in the use of all the means of grace, that we all may rise to a higher plane of Christian life. Thus we ourselves be happier and be more successful in winning souls to Christ and adding to our churches such as shall be saved.

J. W. Bailey,
For Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee have to report that from all the information they can gain, the liquor influence is organizing for an extension of its power. It aims to fill more committees with its evil and drag down more victims to ruin. Your Committee would urge the importance of united Christian effort against this dreadful evil, whether carried in the gilded saloon in the city or in the covered barrels in the country.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Edwards,
Chairman Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Education is necessary to the highest success in every calling of life. The minister engaged in the most important and responsible of all callings needs education. His mind should be developed, trained and stored by and through all the schools of life. He should be educated in the self-culture schools of observation and experience, in all the lawful duties of life. He should get the best literary education obtainable. He should be educated in the natural sciences, that teach things and the laws and relations of things in the natural visible world. Because "The visible (spiritual) things of God, from the creation of the world, are clearly seen, being understood by things that are made" (or by things visible).—Rom. 1:20.

The minister should be educated thus, not only in the Book of Nature, through the various schools mentioned, but He should most especially be educated in the book of Revelations, whose author is God, who says: "I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee in the way that thou shouldst go."—Isa. 48:17.

"I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel, therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth and warn them from me"—Eze. 33:7. "My word that goeth forth out of my mouth shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."—Isa. 55:11.

The God of the Bible says to the preacher: "Go preach the preaching that I bid thee"—Jonah 3:2. Further in our dispensation God says of His Son Jesus Christ, "This is my beloved Son,

hear him," Christ speaks, saying, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." "I will give you mouth and wisdom (thought and speech) that your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist." Again, Christ says, "I go away, but love Me and keep My commandments and the Father will send you the Holy Ghost. The Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, He will guide you into all Truth."

Brethren, let us help the preachers that God calls to minister into Holy things and to preach his word; ever directing their minds to the Divine administrations that calls, qualifies, commissions and empowers them to "preach the word." The Selma Association is contributing to the education of quite a number of young men in Howard College and in the Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Respectfully submitted,
T. E. Williams,
Chairman Committee.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Our Orphans' Home has been in existence more than nine years, the first children having been received into it, March 10, 1893. There have been gathered into it 179 children from 32 counties as follows: Autauga 4, Barbour 13, Bibb 2, Bullock 1, Butler 3, Calhoun 7, Chambers 1, Conecuh 3, Covington 9, Dallas 4, Elmore 4, Escambia 11, Escambia (edge of Fla.) 4, Fayette 2, Hale 3, Henry 4, Jackson 1, Jefferson 23, Lamar 1, Lee 10, Limestone 1, Marengo 4, Mobile 2, Monroe 4, Montgomery 8, Morgan 3, Pike 2, Russell 4, Shelby 4, Talladega 13, Tallapoosa 4, Tuscaloosa 14, Walker 6.

Of these 11 have died, 2 have been apprenticed, 3 have been irregularly discharged, 1 honorably discharged, 1 has been married from the home, 26 have been returned to their people, and 34 have been adopted into families, leaving 91 in the Home at present.

The boys are taught to work in the farm, to assist bricklayers, plasterers, carpenters and painters on buildings, and to help care for the grounds.

The girls cook, clean the house, sew, patch, iron, attend to the cows, with the help of the boys, cut and make garments, and many other things too numerous to mention.

They all attend Sunday School and church. Eleven of them have been baptised this year. The boys now occupy their new the Bush Dormitory, while the girls and the small children remain in the girls cottage. The other new building intended for the sick is also ready for occupancy, although neither of the buildings is finished.

OUR NEEDS

Are many. Most of all we need money to pay for some thing for the children to eat, this has been the hardest year we have ever passed, we have undertaken a great task in providing new buildings. They will cost a great deal more than the first estimate indicated, and several hundred dollars of the pledges have not been redeemed, and this caused us to have to use money intended for current expenses, to keep the building going. So we have a large debt this year for current expenses. Now that the associations are about to begin meeting it is hoped

that all who are kindly disposed toward the orphan, and are willing to give him bread, will remember God's poor in the home at Evergreen.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

To Selma Baptist Association—The problem of making our Sunday Schools as effective as they should be is still an unsolved one.

The following statistics are furnished by the Dallas County Sunday school Association, an undenominational organization reporting to the Alabama Sunday School Association, reporting to the International Sunday School Association which furnishes the Christian world with the uniform lesson studied everywhere the same Sabbath.

	Membership of Church.	Officers, Teachers and Scholars—S. S. Enrollment.
Center Ridge.....	42	32
Orrville.....	59	62
Pleasant Hill.....	69	60
Providence.....	71	34
Shiloh.....	70	30 (estimated)
Sister Springs.....	30	25
Town Creek.....	51	30 (estimated)
Selma, First Church.....	294	162
Selma, Second Church.....	222	112

These are the Dallas County churches belonging to this Baptist Association. We have no statistics from the Lowndes County churches, except Bethany, which reported a church membership of 36 and Sunday School enrollment of 50. The other seven churches reported no Sunday Schools at all.

We observe that the nine churches in Dallas County reported Sunday School enrollment in the ratio of 60 to 100 church membership. Now conservatively estimating that 100 church membership calls for 200 total adults and minors, and applying this ratio to the 908 total membership we have 1,816, doubtless composing the families attending these nine churches, of whom only 547 attend Sunday School, leaving 1,269 adults and minors not attending, of which two-thirds are doubtless minors, or 846. Now let us estimate that one-third of these, or 282 are younger than seven years, leaving 564 minors of 7 to 21 years of age not attending the Sunday Schools of only nine churches, two of which are located in Selma. Think of it well before passing! 564 boys and girls of 7 to 21 years, within the families belonging to only nine churches, who never go to Sunday School, not counting the 282 adults and the 282 little ones under 7.

But some one may claim these statistics are false. Let us see. Let us compare them to the whole county of Dallas. The Sunday School Association reports as follows:

Total enrollment of 51 evangelical Sunday Schools.....	2953
Estimated enrollment of Catholic " ".....	150
Estimated enrollment of Jewish " ".....	100
Estimated enrollment of few not reporting.....	100

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Total white population of Dallas County..... 11,000

Per cent of Sunday School enrollment..... 30%

Now observe that the nine churches before mentioned report

Sunday School enrollment 547, which is just 30 per cent of the 1,816 which we say compose their families.

But let us further analyze Dallas County:

White population 11,000, less Sunday School enrollment 3,300, leaves 7,700 non-attendants, of which two-thirds are minors, or 5,134, of which two-thirds are little ones under seven, or 1,711, leaves 3,423 boys and girls of 7 to 21 years who never go to Sunday School.

But some one may say that these figures are wrong. Let us verify them:

Little ones under seven, non-attendants	1,711
Of 7 to 21 who never go to Sunday School	3,423
Total Sunday School enrollment, all ages	3,300
Of whom we estimate that two-fifths are under 21	1,320
And we estimate that three-fifths are adults	1,980
Total non-attendants, as above, all ages	7,700
Of whom 1,711 and 3,423 are minors, total	5,134

Leaves adult not attendant	2,566—	2,566
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11,000

Now observe that 1980 and 2,566, or a total of 4,546 are adults, of whom let us estimate that 2,273 are women and 2,273 are men, and you will admit that that number of men correspond to the county's voters, which we think verifies the figures.

Some one may criticise the statement that of Sunday School enrollment three-fifths are adults. As a matter of fact it is true, but in actual attendance there is a majority of minors. The enrolled adults are not such regular attendants, but the figures are based on enrollment.

Now if figures are correct, Dallas County contains 6,454 minors, of whom 1,320 are enrolled in Sunday Schools, or 20%; and the problem is what are we going to do to reach the 80%, especially considering the fact that 846 of these neglected ones are Baptist young people, the future hope of the church.

The services of the church, "the assembling of ourselves together" for worship, are three, namely, the preaching service; the teaching (or Sunday School) service and the prayer meeting.

In relative importance the preaching service comes first.

It is our belief, however, that too much importance attaches to it in the the popular religious mind to the neglect of teaching and prayer.

The family altar, and parental religious education of the young have suffered decadence; and these parental responsibilities are being shirked as never before, and there is a prevalent disposition to relegate them to the Sunday School teacher and the seminary preacher.

No blame attaches to the educated ministry, which we sanction, but the people are blameable in that, in like manner as they are manifesting an ever increasing dependence upon the graduate of medicine, forgetting the good old home remedies of their fathers, so are they depending upon the modern teacher and preacher, and forgetting to do for their children as their parents did for them.

But if the old regime is to be supplanted by the modern idea, the rights of the children must be respected and religious education of the young people must be imparted through the teaching service of the church. To this end we call upon the educated ministry that they shall give more recognition to the organization of Sunday Schools and their equipment with specially prepared teachers.

instructed by the preachers.

This means work for all concerned, but we believe that no preacher is justified in not participating in Sunday School work. He should co-operate with the superintendent and teachers, and together they should strive to so organize and systematize the school that every person within the influence of the church shall be present or accounted for to receive the benefits of the teaching service.

The school should be up-to-date, having a corps of qualified and specially instructed teachers, and every modern appurtenance calculated to help and hold the attention of the scholars. In order to attain the ideal school here described, the State Mission Board could assist with some Sunday School workers who could spur the churches up to this great need and create a sentiment that would result in such a development of educational movement as would build up the churches and save the young people from the neglect and indifference toward religion which now certainly exists.

W. P. WELCH; C. E. MOSELEY; D. B. EDWARDS; }
 A. EDWARDS, GUS BURTON; F. M. STILLWELL; } Committee.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your Committee are glad to report the work in the Ladies' Societies growing in importance, and merits the sympathies, and co-operation of the brethren. During the past conventional year they have contributed as follows, viz:

Foreign Missions	\$1303.63
Home Missions	2996.07
State Missions	455.24
Orphanage	513.13
Sunday School Board	225.00
Church Aid	2949.84
Charity	364.17
Total	\$8607.08

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. BAILEY,

For the Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF 1901.

To amount received from finance committee	\$92.37
By Voucher No. 1, W. B. Crumpton for missions	37.83
By Voucher No. 2, B. H. Crumpton for Orphans Home	32.05
By Voucher No. 3, Lewis Johnson for minister	22.50
Total	\$92.37

Respectfully Submitted,

M. H. TRAYLOR.

Your committee on apportionment recommend that the following amounts be paid by the churches during the next Associational year.

CHERCHES.	Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Orphans Home.	Howard College.	Total.
Ash Creek.....	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 2	\$ 17
Benton.....	10	5	5	3	23
Bethany	30	10	10	3	53
Center Ridge.	30	10	10	3	53
Hopewell.....	25	10	15	3	53
Emmanuel.....	40	10	15	5	70
Mt. Gilead	60	20	25	5	110
Macedonia.....	5	5	5	2	17
New Bethel....	5	5	5	2	17
Orrville.....	200	50	50	5	305
Pleasant Hill..	60	15	25	3	103
Providence ...	120	45	30	3	118
Ruhama.....	5	5	5		7
Shiloh.....	60	10	15	5	90
Sister Springs..	10	5	5	1	21
Selma 1st.....	1000	50	100	200	1350
Selma 2nd. ...	125	20	20	5	170
Town Creek....	100	20	50	5	175
Totals ..	\$1890	\$300	\$395	\$257	\$2842

J. J. BABCOCK, J. P. MAXWELL and J. R. MOSS,

Committee.

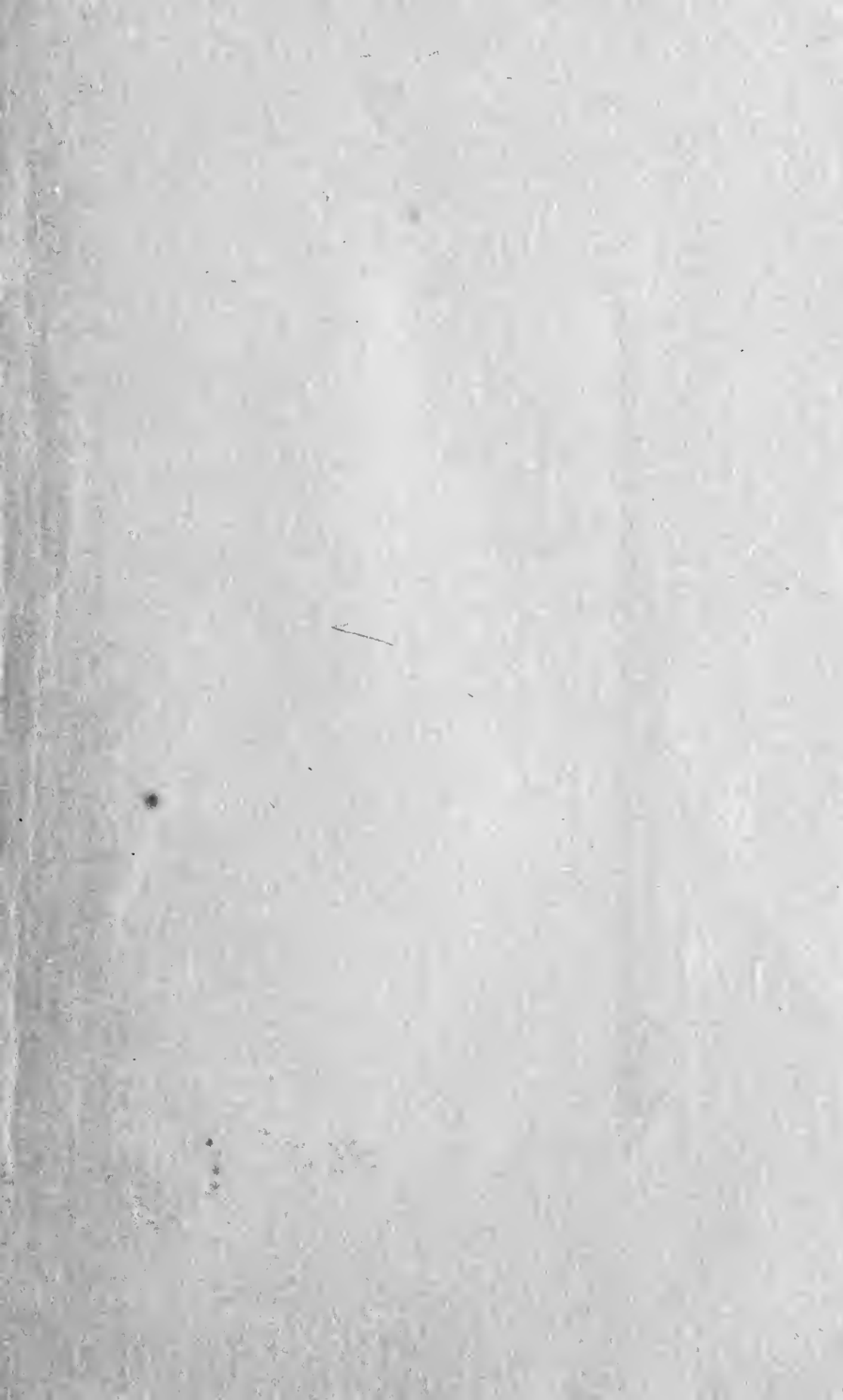
STATISTICS OF THE SELMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1902.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership Last Reported.	Increase		Decrease		Present Membership.	Officers and Teachers.		SUNDAY SCHOOL.		Preaching Sabbath.	Reports prayer meeting.	Reports revival.			
						Baptism.	Letter.	Voucher.	Restoration.		Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.				Pupils.	SUPERINTENDENT	POST OFFICE.
Ash Creek																		No report since 1896.		
Benton	Lowndes		Joe Parke	Benton					18									Report from last year.		
Bethany	Lowndes	W. L. Cahall	I. N. Lyon	Collerine	36				28											
Center Ridge	Dallas	W. J. Ray	H. J. Yates	Carlowville	43	2	2		1		1	45	5	30	M. A. Rowell	Carlowville	3rd 3rd			
Hopewell	Lowndes																	No report since 1896.		
Immanuel	Dallas	Frank Averyt	W. H. Brazier	Browns	30	1	1								C. M. Ethridge		4th			
Mt. Gilead	Lowndes	S. M. Provence	M. H. Traylor	Benton	29				8			21	6	17	W. E. Mealey	Benton		No report for 5 years.		
Macedonia	Lowndes																			
New Bethel	Lowndes	J. M. Fortune	J. R. Strickland	Braggs	27		3			1	29									
Orrville	Dallas	Richard Hall	H. L. Dudley	Orrville	59	1	2			1	61	5	50		J. E. Dunaway	Orrville	1 & 3			
Pleasant Hill	Dallas	T. F. Hendon	F. C. Riggs	Pleasant Hill	70	1			3		68	7	60		J. W. Bailey	Pleasant Hill				
Providence	Dallas	Richard Hall	J. R. Moss	Orrville	71				2		69	5	30		Lewis Johnson	Orrville	2 & 4			
Ruhama	Lowndes																	No report in 5 years.		
Shiloh	Dallas	W. L. Cahall																No letter.		
Sister Springs	Dallas	Frank Averyt	J. L. Hooper	Tyler	30	6	2		2		36	2	15		W. D. S. Morgan	Polk	1st			
S. ma, 1st	Dallas	J. L. Gross	Ed Graham	Selma	234	4	33		13		4	314			W. P. Welch	Selma	Every			
Selma, 2nd	Dallas	J. M. Hamner	J. A. Mauldin	Selma	222	4	6		20		3	209	8	47	Thomas Williams	Selma	Every			
Town Creek	Dallas	W. L. Cahall	G. R. Feulner	Polk	50	1	8			3	56	5	55		E. L. Stewart	Soapstone				
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STATISTICS OF THE SELMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1902.

CHURCH.	State Missions.		Home Missions.		Foreign Mission.		Ministerial Education.		Orphans Home.		Pastors Salary.	Howard College.	Incidentals.	Church Repairs.	Woman's Work.	Sunday Schools.	Value of Church Property.	Minute Fund.	Visiting Ministers.	McGaha Home.	Poor.	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Public Collection For Missions.	Judson Institute.	Total.	
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New Bethel		2 15								25 00					4 00			25								31 40	
Orrville		128 86		113 87		151 7		52 63	62 44	450 00		70 93	76 50		58 49	2500 00	4 00	77 50								3446 42	
Pleasant Hill		22 35		17 15		21 32		4 15	25 50	217 35		109 85				2000 00	1 50	9 00								2428 12	
Providence		26 90		22 07		21 45		11 25	23 20	350 00		44 88			10 00	2000 09	3 00	26 00		\$ 27 80	\$13 55			35 00		2625 10	
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